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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Nixon says he won't accept support from the John Birch Society. But after he defeats Joe Shell in the GOP primary, will he accept campaign contributions which may be forthcoming from individuals who are JBS members or other right-wing moneybags?

The best argument I have heard so far on why the U. S. should buy \$100,000,000 worth of U. N. bonds is also in the form of a question:

How much would it have cost if the U. N. hadn't intervened in the Congo and if other nations had become involved in a major war?

Finally, I'd like to ask a question about the Reader's Digest. For the author of its second attack within 10 years on co-ops and the fact that they pay no corporation income taxes on refunds to their customer-owners, why did the Digest choose a former GOP congressman who was ordered to pay the government \$11,738 in back taxes in 1958?

CARTOON OF THE WEEK

In the Chronicle, showing a weirdly got-up character entering an operating room, with a quote from Admiral William C. Mott, judge advocate general of the U. S. Navy:

"Amateur anti-Communists are as useful as amateur brain surgeons."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

From J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, whom the amateur Red hunters are always quoting:

"Today far too many self-styled experts on communism are playing the highways of America giving erroneous and distorted information. . . ."

"Our fight against Communism must be a sane, rational understanding of the facts. Emotional outbursts, extravagant name-calling, gross exaggerations hinder our efforts."

"We must remember that many non-Communists may legitimately, on their own, oppose the same laws or take positions on issues of the day which are also held by the Communists."

Hear that, doctor?

STATEMENT OF THE WEEK

From President Kennedy, who admitted that no disarmament is going to be worth the paper it's written on unless it includes Red China.

The president didn't mention France, however, which is also feeling its nuclear oats and has been in danger of being taken over by a military coup.

I never thought I'd say this, but I will:

"Vive, de Gaulle!"

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Unions to push for action in safety findings

Unions plan to see that recommendations made at the recent Governor's Industrial Safety Conference are written into safety codes and regulations.

This was reported to Building Trades Council delegates Tuesday night by J. L. Childers, business representative, who attended the conference Feb. 8 and 9 in San Francisco.

Childers said it was one of the best safety conferences he has attended. More was accomplished, and more union people were there, he said. At least, more spoke up.

In the past, Childers told BTC delegates, governors' safety conferences have been dominated by employers.

As a result of the increased union participation in this year's meeting, Childers said, unions will ask State Director of Industrial Relations John F. Henning to take steps to see that something is done about the unsafe conditions which conference speakers warned about.

CHILDERS REPORTS

Childers also reported that there are still pickets on the Singleton job on 82nd avenue and at the Pope Realty Co. at 101st avenue and East 14th street.

The issue at the Singleton job is failure to make good on back

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10-month strike at Carl Block won

Three unions won a complete victory Monday in their 10-month strike against Carl Block, Inc., Oakland new car dealer, according to DeWayne (Bud) Williams of Automotive Machinists 1546.

Williams told Central Labor Council delegates he felt this was a case in which an employer out to break unions had been "taught a lesson."

Local 1546, Auto and Ship Painters 1176 and Teamsters Automotive Employees 78 are members of the East Bay Automotive Council, whose standard agreement Block has re-signed. The firm agreed to lay off two "scabs."

Williams said business slipped off so badly that the payroll dropped from 14 to 2 during the strike.

More off-street parking at Labor Temple sought

Off-street parking for 500 cars near the Labor Temple will be sought by the Central Labor Council and other union groups.

CLC delegates voted Monday night to work with the Labor Temple Association and other groups to form a citizens' committee to confer with city officials.

Bartalini is re-elected by Carpenters

C. R. Bartalini of Carpenters 36 was re-elected president of the State Council of Carpenters last week at a convention which was marked by a number of "firsts."

Bartalini, absent from the convention because he is recovering from a heart attack, is also executive secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters.

The convention became another chapter in the revolt which began with Bartalini's election to the state council presidency over Joseph F. Cambiano of San Mateo in 1958.

For the first time in its history, the state council endorsed a candidate for the union's International Executive Board.

He is William Sidell, secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters. Sidell will run against Cambiano, incumbent international board member and former president of the state council, at the forthcoming international convention.

For the first time since it was founded, the state council voted to hold biennial, instead of annual conventions. On alternate years the Carpenters will hold legislative conferences in Sacramento.

For the first time in many years, a large number of fraternal delegates attended from other states, largely because of the revolt against Cambiano. A number indicated support of Sidell.

ENDORSEMENT BIG ISSUE

Despite a 1½-hour debate over the biennial conventions, the biggest interest centered around the endorsement of Sidell.

Although Cambiano will be a candidate for re-election for the international board post at the international convention, he removed his name from the endorsement balloting in what was considered a wise political move.

As a result, Sidell got 191 votes, E. A. Brown of Santa Rosa 55, and Cambiano 8.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In addition to Bartalini, who lives in Alameda, the following other state officers were unanimously re-elected: Armon L. Henderson, San Diego, vice-president, and Gordon A. McCulloch, Los Angeles, executive secretary-treasurer.

C. E. Risley of Carpenters 36 accepted Bartalini's obligation of office in his absence.

Local 886 wins dispute

Shipyards Laborers 886 has won a dispute over payment of health and welfare and pension premiums by Schnitzer Brothers, operators of the old Moore shipyard at the foot of Adeline street, Delegate Harry Lumsden told the Central Labor Council.

Informational picketing was conducted for four days last week.



A 'SUMMIT' MEETING of labor representatives and members of Congress was held at the recent AFLCIO Legislative Conference in Washington, D. C. Shown at an informal get-together during the legislative conference are, from left: Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D.-Alameda County); Robert S. Ash, executive secretary, Alameda County Central Labor Council; Congressman George P. Miller (D.-Alameda County); Andrew Hatcher, assistant press secretary to President Kennedy and Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer, California Labor Federation. The picture was taken in Congressman Miller's office.

It's that season again

The relative merits of cocktail parties and coffee klatches were brought home to a group of unionists working for the nomination of Supervisor Francis Dunn of Painters 127 for Congress in the Ninth District.

They threw a coffee klatch for Dunn but had to wait until some of the endorsing convention delegates returned from a cocktail party for Fremont Mayor John Stevenson.

But Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, said he believes Dunn has a good chance of get-

ting the endorsement — despite the number of cocktail parties being thrown for Stevenson.

Groulx described Stevenson as "not a liberal."

CLC Executive Secretary Robert Ash reported that he and his assistants will be spending much of their time between now and the June primary on political activity.

However, their duties will include much more than coffee klatches, Ash emphasized, adding that electing friends of labor is the most important task in the months ahead.

'District spending \$19,755 a year on company union'

"The management-owned and operated East Bay Municipal Utility District Employee Council 'company union' costs the taxpayer an estimated \$19,755 each year."

This is one of several accusations made by Local 444 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 444 in leaflets now being distributed.

The legitimate AFLCIO union represents employees of the utility district. It charges the district's management with fostering birth of the so-called "Employee Council" a few months after a union organizing drive began in the Operations and Maintenance Department in 1960.

Local 444 says the district's management drew up the election procedures for the Employee Council and that it is "largely a self-appointed, self-elected group."

ON 'COMPANY TIME'

The Employee Council is

costly to taxpayers, Local 444 charges because it meets on "company time" — time when its members would normally be on the job.

Members are also given time off to travel to and from general assembly meetings, according to the union — which holds meetings and conducts its business with the water district in non-working hours.

In addition, company vehicles are used to transport members to the monthly general assembly meetings of the Employee Council, and gas and oil are provided, the union charges.

Finally, it says, secretarial service is provided, including minutes, pencils, mimeographing and distribution of material.

Here's a breakdown on the summary of costs to the taxpayer, as estimated by Local 444:

• Time lost by 55 Employee Council members (at \$2.75 an hour) to attend and travel to and from one two-hour general

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HOW TO BUY

Automatic washer prices down

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Automatic washing machines are really 1962's standout consumer value, with standard models selling for as little as \$115 and even some deluxe models offered under \$200.

Both washers and dryers have been improved this year, with more deluxe features available in even the lowest priced models. Most notably, more of the low cost washers now offer such features as variable cycles, automatic dispensers and suds savers.

More of the lower price dryers now have electronic controls that turn the dryer off automatically when the load reaches the correct degree of dryness.

Top loading washers with center post agitators have become the leading type. Even the manufacturer of one of the more popular front loading tumble action washers, Westinghouse, is now making a top loader.

A U. S. Agriculture Department study shows that front opening machines use less water but that neither type can be considered best in soil removal.

This year's low prices may raise the question in some families of whether it is wise to spend money on costly repairs on an old washer.

Generally top loading automatic washers fall into three different price brackets, although some manufacturers offer as many as five different models.

STANDARD or lowest price models now generally offer two cycles, one for regular and one for "gentle" washes for fabrics requiring extra care. Low priced washers now often have a filter to screen out sediment and lint. Water temperature also is variable for hot, warm and cold washes. Washers in this group often are available for \$165 or less in sales.

MEDIUM price models generally are likely to have a three cycle timer with regular, gentle and soak cycles, and in addition to a two speed wash, a two speed spin dry. This group of washers is more convenient for wash and wear fabrics.

Washers in this group also are more likely to have a detergent dispenser, suds saver and multi-temperature wash and rinse selector. Such washers often cost about \$185 or less in special sales.

DELUXE washers are basically

the medium price models with a few more additions. They generally have a dispensomat to add liquid bleach automatically and greater variation in temperatures, speed and washing cycle. In some, the tub is a little larger. Deluxe washers also often have push buttons instead of a dial. Price of this group is generally around the \$200 mark.

Which should you get? The standard lowest priced washers, of course, are basically good machines and will do almost everything the deluxe models do, but they require more tending to take care of different types of fabrics.

The more deluxe washers have "memory." But since they have more complicated mechanisms, they also sometimes require more service.

What is basically important to look for in a washer is not a back panel that lights up like a pinball machine, but the variable cycle. Not that you can't get along without it. But it does substitute an automatic device for your own judgment or memory when you have to wash synthetics or wash-and-wear clothes that may come out wrinkled if they don't have the proper water temperature and cycle.

Most of the medium priced automatics provide sufficient flexibility without being overly complicated.

A suds saver is useful if you have a limited water supply. But, of course, to use it you then have to wash white items first, then colored things.

One useful feature of some models is a cold rinse before spinning begins. This cuts down on wrinkles.

Also important is ease of servicing. After the recent outcries against frequent and expensive servicing needs, manufacturers have been trying to improve ease of servicing. One major manufacturer even has his 1962 washers constructed so they can be repaired entirely from the front. One of the most important features to look for is convenient access to the lint filter so you can clean it easily after each load.

The problem of servicing required by complicated mechanism is the reason for the lack of enthusiasm so far about combination washer-dryers.

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Correspondence school salesmen

A new state law requires correspondence school salesmen to be licensed.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Roy E. Simpson mailed application forms to 1,300 salesmen last Fall. So far, he said, only 92 salesmen have complied.

If a salesman for a correspondence school approaches you, Simpson urged, demand to see his permit.

Key Women

Alameda County Key Women for Kennedy will present Dr. Harold H. Fisher of Mills College in a lecture on "The American Response to the New Line of the 22nd Congress of the Soviet Union" February 26 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John C. Tibbetts, 999 Sunnyhills Rd., Oakland.

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Packaging billion dollar 'racket'

"Deceptive packaging has become a billion dollar racket."

This statement was made by Jackie Walsh, president of the Association of California Consumers and of San Francisco Waitresses Local 48.

Mrs. Walsh added:

"To take money from families by fraud and deception is as vicious as a holdup."

Consumers all over the country are becoming fed up with such practices and demand action, according to Mrs. Walsh.

"One of the high priority objectives of our association is to get better laws and stronger enforcement of them in this field," she said.

Mrs. Walsh especially blasted packages which give the illusion of containing more than they actually do. Many other packages fail to state the net weight clearly and legibly, she pointed out.

There are laws forbidding these practices, but not enough money for adequate enforcement personnel, Mrs. Walsh continued.

"Robbing the consumer of a few cents at a time has become a lucrative business."

This hurts the honest businessman just as much as the buying public according to Mrs. Walsh.

Mrs. Walsh praised the work of Helen E. Nelson, consumer counsel to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, and U. S. Senator Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) in this field.

The Association of California Consumers which includes labor and co-op members, has offices at 41 Sutter St., San Francisco, Room 220.

The high cost of eyeglasses

Why do eyeglasses cost so much?

Some reasons are indicated in two anti-trust suits against American Optical Co. and Bausch & Lomb, Inc., the two big manufacturers of spectacle lenses and frames.

Both suits were filed by the United States Department of Justice.

Together, the suits charge the two concerns with price fixing and killing off smaller competitors by unfair and illegal methods.

In addition, the second suit seeks a court order requiring the two manufacturers to dispose of more than 400 wholesale eyeglass distributors whom they had acquired and to get out of the retail end of the eyeglass business. — Labor.

Reducing class

A reducing class for women who are at least 10 pounds overweight will be held at the Oakland YWCA from 7-9:15 p.m. Thursdays for 10 weeks starting March 1. For further information, call the "Y," GLencourt 1-7900.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THERE'S BEEN a lot of talk, pro and con, about whether odd-sized, odd-shaped packages in grocery stores really have housewives confused.

We've said all along that they do.

The little woman without a slide rule or a Ph.D. in mathematics hasn't much of a chance with all those air-spaced packages, hollow-bottomed pinch bottles, "quart-sized" 24-ounce jars, and boxes and cans with contents in microscopic type in quarters or eighths of an ounce, fluid or avoirdupois.

HELEN E. NELSON, consumer counsel to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, has been saying this all along, too.

Appearing before a U. S. Senate anti-trust subcommittee last week, Mrs. Nelson came up with testimony which should end the argument once and for all.

(But it won't, of course.)

Mrs. Nelson told about a consumer shopping survey in Sacramento.

FIVE HOUSEWIVES, all college graduates or with college training, were given \$10 each and turned loose in a supermarket. They were told to buy 14 items and to make their selections solely on the basis of the largest quantity for the smallest amount of money.

These gals spent an average of 43 minutes each buying the 14 items. Yet they picked the lowest cost items only 57 per cent of the time.

Out of 80 purchases—the total for all five shoppers—the gals picked the best buy only 36 times. They guessed (or figured) wrong 34 times.

AT THE SAME hearing, Albert N. Halverstadt, general advertising manager for Proctor & Gamble, said price per ounce is not a significant factor in buying soap powder.

Senator Philip A. Hart, who's conducting the hearings, disagreed. He asked Halverstadt and some flunkies the cost per ounce of a 12 3/4-ounce box of soap powder priced at 35 cents.

One young man began figuring frantically but finally admitted:

"I don't have my price chart with me."

Hart said that's the whole point — the housewife doesn't have a price chart, either.

Real handy man

The young kid was watching a TV story about burglars and turned to his mother to ask:

"Mommy, what's a second story man?"

"Your father's a second story man," she replied. "If I don't believe his first story, he always has a second one ready." — The Carpenter.

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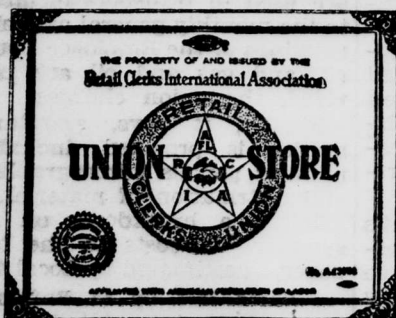
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John J. King will run for Alameda County Assessor

John J. King, chairman of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of county assessor.

A native of Oakland, King was grand lodge representative in charge of the Oakland regional office of the International Association of Machinists for 10 years until last August. He is



JOHN J. KING

presently a property management consultant.

King is also a member of the Executive and Steering Committee of the Democratic State Central Committee.

He was a member of the Oakland Board of Education from 1954 to 1961 and was its president from 1958 to 1959. He is also a past director of the Eighth Congressional District Democratic Council and was chairman of the first Alameda County Democratic Endorsing Convention in 1958.

King has served on the Governor's Commission on Metropolitan Area Problems, the Citizens' Committee for Oakland Urban Renewal, the Oakland Council of Community Services, the regional Labor-Management Committee of the Department of Labor, the National Defense Executive Reserve and as first secretary of the State Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Machinists.

A graduate of Oakland schools, King attended San Francisco Law School, Merritt Business School and Central Trade School. He is married and has two sons.

U.C. seeks labor training assistant

John Hutchinson of Berkeley Federation of Teachers 1078, coordinator of labor programs at the University of California, is looking for an assistant.

The person hired will replace Herbert A. Perry of Steamfitters 342 as assistant coordinator of labor programs for U. C.'s Institute of Industrial Relations.

Perry has been named director of the new Labor Education Center at the University of Connecticut.

Concerning the position, Hutchinson said:

"The work involves the development of educational and training programs in cooperation with the labor movement in California. The operational base is Berkeley. The candidate must have a degree in the social sciences. Preference will be given to candidates with trade union experience or background. The starting salary will be based on experience and qualifications."

Applicants should write: John Hutchinson, Coordinator of Labor Programs, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dept. of Employment seeks trainees for staff positions in several areas

The State Department of Employment is looking for people who want to work toward careers as employment security officers or disability insurance officers.

An examination for the position of employment security trainee will be conducted by the State Personnel Board at several locations throughout the state March 24. Final filing date is March 2.

Applications and details may be obtained from local offices of the Department of Employment.

Starting salary for trainees is \$436 a month, with an increase to \$458 after six months for those who qualify.

After a year, a trainee can take a promotional examination as journeyman employment security officer or disability insurance officer with a salary range of \$458 to \$530 a month. Openings exist in a number of areas.

Green replaces Norman Smith as AWOC chief

Al Green, formerly Western director for the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education, has been named director of the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, according to an article by Kirk Smith, labor correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle, Sunday.

Green replaces Norman Smith, who will become assistant director. The Chronicle quoted State AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts as saying the new AWOC drive will emphasize non-migrant farm workers and political activity.

Double educational standard?

Wealthy residents of the "hill area" of Oakland turned out in force at a recent meeting of the Oakland Board of Education concerning plans for a new junior college near the new Skyline High School.

According to Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx of the Central Labor Council, one asked whether trade courses would be taught there.

Groulx said he thought the questioner—whom he identified as Nat Frankel, an attorney—may have been worried that the wrong kind of student might be attracted to the exclusive neighborhood.

Commenting on the elaborate

plans for the new junior college and the sumptuous aspects of new Skyline High School, Groulx said:

"It's too bad we don't have schools like that in other areas of the city."

Groulx cited Oakland Technical High School and McClymonds High School, in particular, as contrasting markedly with the new hill area high school.

CLC President Russell Crowell added that labor should watch closely to see that the Board of Education draws boundaries for the new high school in a democratic manner.

Plan appeal for Auto Worker

Auto Workers 1031, assisted by the Central Labor Council, plans to appeal a referee's denial of unemployment benefits to a 65-year-old union member who couldn't keep up with a Chevrolet production line.

The unionist, Chester L. Manausa, quit after he was denied a transfer to another job in the plant.

Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, criticized what he called the callous attitude of a representative of the State Department of Employment's Hayward office.

He said the interviewer took the position that it is not necessary for a person like Manausa to get a doctor's certificate before quitting.

But in absence of such a statement, the interviewer should recommend unemployment benefits only to a person in a

"palsied condition," Groulx quoted the interviewer as saying.

Groulx added that a 23-year-old worker testified even he found it hard to keep up with the assembly line.

Manausa's job included partial assembly of directional lights on Corvair autos. He said in recent months he was unable to do this in the time allotted and fell behind continually.

Instead of waiting to be fired—in which case he could have drawn benefits—he quit.

New CLC delegates

Delegates seated by the Central Labor Council Feb. 12 were Lewis E. Brown and A. C. Eakle, Machinists 284; Howard Wynn, Operating Engineers 3; John Kittrell, Machinists 1566, and Donald Stallings, Steamfitters 342.

C.C. CLERKS 1179 PROMOTES SHOP CARDS AT BUS STOPS

Contra Costa County Retail Clerks 1179 believes you should look before sitting — on benches at bus stops, that is.

Sixteen busy bus stops throughout the county now bear a replica of the "Union Store" card and this suggestion:

"Look for and buy at the store displaying this Emblem. Retail Clerks Union Local 1179 of Contra Costa County."

It's good advertising and good advice.

And since the campaign started, a number of merchants have asked for shop cards to display, according to William Roddick, secretary-treasurer of Local 1179.

3 more East Bay unionists on boards

Three more East Bay unionists have been appointed members or alternates to wage boards by the State Industrial Welfare Commission.

They are: Russ Mathiesen, Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265, Mercantile Industry; Robert Luster, Laundry Workers 2, Laundry, Linen Supply, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Industry and Don Finnie, Butchers 120, Industries Handling Products After Harvest. Luster and Finnie are alternates.

The boards — some of whose members were appointed in January and listed in a previous issue of the East Bay Labor Journal — will make recommendations on changes in minimum wage and working conditions regulations for women and children in California.

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Hellender differs with report on social welfare problems

Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, says he isn't talking for himself, but he feels the other members of the State Social Welfare Board are "very competent."

Hellender, who was appointed to the board by Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, thus differed with the author of the so-called Sweet report.

Justin Sweet, a University of California faculty member, said in a widely publicized report that a part-time State Social Welfare Board can't do a good job of supervising the state welfare program.

In a report to the Central Labor Council Hellender indirectly challenged Sweet's competence in the fields of social welfare and public policy on this matter.

He quoted Sweet, in testimony before the State Senate Social Welfare Committee a few days earlier, as saying he had never had anything to do with social workers.

Hellender strongly supported a recommendation that the state require counties to pay their social workers at least \$400 a month.

Although most county supervisors and administrators are against this requirement, Hellender said, Marin County has demonstrated that it pays to establish adequate salaries to attract competent, well-trained social workers.

In Marin County, Hellender declared, this policy has saved taxpayers money in the long run.

WELCOME BACK!

As he prepared to go to El Centro for a meeting of the State Social Welfare Board, Art Hellender learned that the hotel where they were to stay had burned.

Said Hellender, who got an unfriendly reception on another recent visit to the lettuce capital:

"I knew they didn't like me, but I didn't know they felt that strongly about it!"

Stationary Engineers 39 wins new hotel agreement

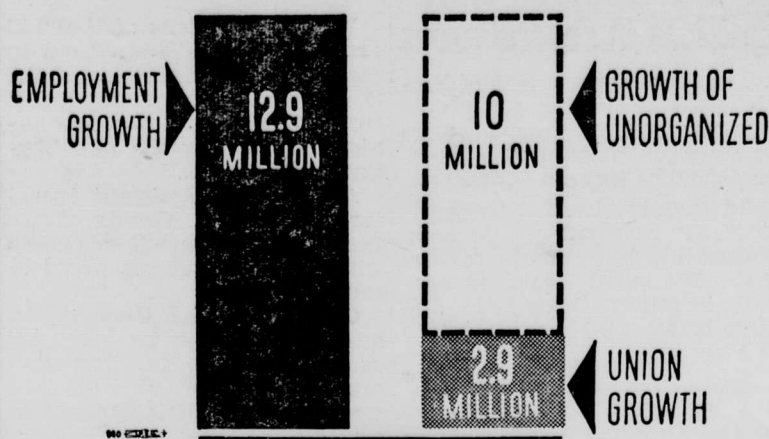
Stationary Engineers 39 received a wage increase retroactive to Nov. 1 and another one for the second year of a two year contract with the East Bay Hotel Association.

The agreement, which covers the Claremont, Leamington and Shattuck hotels, also provides for an additional union holiday and health and welfare coverage.

Textile Workers' case

Superior Judge Folger Emerson has ruled that the Alameda County Superior Court has jurisdiction to enforce an arbitration award reinstating five officers of Textile Workers 146 fired from the F. Burkart Manufacturing Co. in 1960. According to Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx of the Central Labor Council, the case will come up March 4.

Employment vs. Union Growth-1945-1960



UNION MEMBERSHIP FAILED to keep pace with the growth of the work force in 1945-60. Although 12,900,000 new workers joined the work force, only 2,900,000 joined unions in the 15-year period. In the preceding 15 years, from 1930 to 1945, union growth and growth of the work force were equal—about 10,900,000 each—although most of those who joined unions were already in the work force, not the new workers. From 1945 to 1960, a large part of the new workers were in white collar occupations. This rapidly growing field, largely unorganized, represents perhaps the greatest challenge the labor movement in the United States faces today.—AFLCIO Department of Research.

Painters Dist. Council 16

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

Achtung! Report any injury, no matter how insignificant it may seem, to the foreman or employer — make a note of time and date and what happened — for your future reference.

This latter precaution is necessary because unfortunately, the foreman sometimes forgets to have the report form made out.

The micro-organism that causes the very painful and often fatal tetanus lives in the soil—the small puncture wound from a stepped-on nail is apparently not worth bothering about—but there may have been enough spores of the "clostridium tetani" to start a thriving colony that will spread rapidly into the muscle cells—and then, well, you can imagine!

Or, you're lugging something heavy on the job, and you lose your balance enough to put a sudden strain on the lower back. There is only minor discomfort at first, but in a day or two, oh brother, you can barely get out of bed. This can be due to anything from muscle strain and tension to a slipped disc, or an even more serious cause.

The point is you are covered under Compensation Insurance, but if you don't report the incident to the boss the entire process of getting your benefits to you is greatly delayed.

And another thing! — As a union member you are guaranteed certain rights and privileges under the Brotherhood

Constitution and Local By-Laws, including our working agreement. However, if you fail to acquaint yourself with what's coming to you, what good will it do? A good place to find out is your local union meeting.

Enuf of pontificating — what's new otherwise?

Sam says: The hours are too few to be wasted on meanness and littleness.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

I have not had any activity on the outside due to the inclement weather, and I sincerely hope I don't run into any of this type weather during my visit to Cleveland, as I reported last week.

I sure hope that the sunshine is back before I return from Cleveland and that it will reflect in the business conditions of the trade.

By the time you read this column, the employers and our members working in San Mateo County will have received our notices of the 10 cents per hour wage increase due and payable on March 1st under the terms of the union agreement in effect in the county.

An advance notice to you fellows in Santa Clara County—your 10 cents an hour wage increase will be due and payable on April 1st.

STRIKE SANCTION has been given by the Central Labor Council to Milk Drivers 302 against The Borden Co., Western Division.

Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

Income protection insurance is available to members of this credit union at very low rates. \$100 per month from the first day of disability and continuing for lifetime if disability continues, plus some treatment and surgical benefits.

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Four kinds of insurance are available. Two you pay a small price for, and the other two the credit union pays for. In addition to the life insurance matching shares, the credit union buys insurance covering your loan balance which pays off the loan in case of death or permanent disability, provided you were eligible when you borrowed or become eligible later.

Educational endowment policies for children are fine if the parent lives long enough. Dun's Review (Dec., 1961) points out that many parents make the mistake of buying a policy with the insurance on the life of the child. If the father dies, the widow and child may not be able to keep up the policy. You are much safer with an estate loan at the credit union. The insurance is on the life of the parent.

Lockheed profits to hit \$35 million — up 35%

Lockheed Corp., the Bay Area's biggest civilian employer, is also one of the richest.

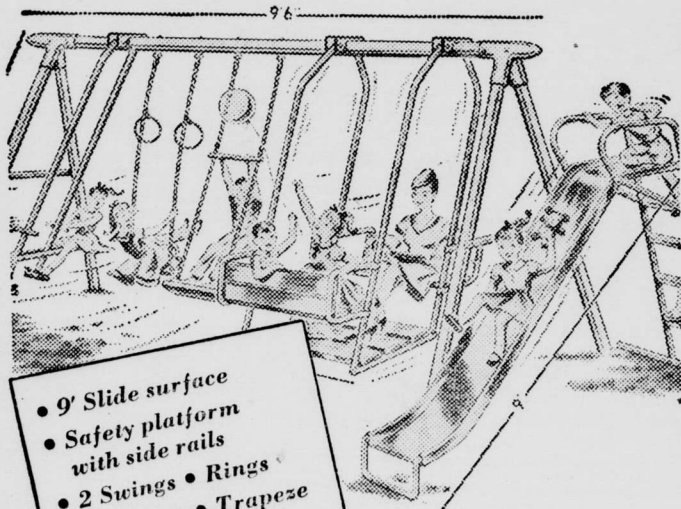
Specializing in space and missile projects, Lockheed is riding the crest of the defense and space spending boom.

Board Chairman Courtland S. Gross said in San Francisco recently that profits will hit \$35 million this year—35 per cent higher than 1961's \$26 million.

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The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our new building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally yours,
DON CROSMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting of Local 939 will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 1962. Important business will be discussed. This meeting will be vitally important to the entire membership. All members are urged to attend.

A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

STEELWORKERS 1798

Regular union meeting Friday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m. Hall D. 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
EDWARD SOTO
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Two meetings scheduled for Friday night, March 2. The subject refers to the payment of delegates to conventions. The by-laws as now written are technically incorrect as to the delegate elected from the rank-and-file, and those elected who are full time employees of our Brotherhood. This correction is to be the subject of the special meeting on that date.

Due to poor response of members in the donations to the blood bank, members' families have been added as recipients of the \$10 donation for a pint of blood. If the response to this is poor, F. S. Green has the authority to get donors from any source.

From the Fremont area we had some visitors who showed us a movie of the activities of members of a boy's club. They are now working on such a club in that area, hoping to get the project started soon. Talk it up out on the job, and if you are interested get in touch with Brother Ward Cadwallader, 41830 Sherwood St., L.O. 6-7233. We are sure that the response from our craft will equal that of two other clubs in this area.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS 432

This is to advise you that the next Quarterly Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 1962 at 8 p.m. in Hall M, 3rd floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

As per new By-Laws, page 32, Section 2, a penalty of \$5 will be imposed for non-attendance.

Your attendance is urgently requested. Please be on time as no attendance cards will be given out after 8:30 p.m.

March dues will be \$7, payable by last business day of month.

Fraternally,
LES BENHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Business Representative

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m. and the third at 8 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held March 20.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

UC EMPLOYEES 371

Special meeting called for 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 1962, Colombo Hall, 5321 Claremont Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally yours,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

Due to the Labor Temple being closed Thursday, Feb. 22, 1962, there will not be a meeting this night as scheduled.

The next meeting of your local will be Thursday, March 8, 1962. Why not come down and try your luck at Payola? You could win one quarter's dues.

Your business agent is still looking for suggestions for our new agreement. Members, why not send in some of your ideas on changes you would like made in the agreement?

Fraternally,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

This is to announce that the delegates to the State Council of Carpenters Convention and Brothers Charles Roe and Larry Twist, who attended Governor Brown's safety conference, will give their reports at the meeting this Friday night, February 23, 1962.

After the meeting refreshments will be served by the Social Committee.

We hope to see you all in attendance at the meeting, as the reports of the delegates should be of great interest to all.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, March 1, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Election at 9 p.m. for two delegates to District 38 Conference in Portland. Candidates are Ernie Perry, Art Brailo and Lloyd Ferber. Your vote is important. Why not use it?

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Acting Secretary

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CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

All Carpenters are asked to attend the meeting of March 2, 1962, to hear the reports of the delegate of the Carpenters Convention. Please be in attendance.

Your secretary would like to take this opportunity to remind all Carpenters and their families that the final date for registering to vote at the primary election is April 12, 1962. If you have moved or did not vote in the last general election, you must register, or you will not be eligible to vote. I signed up as a deputy registrar last week, and we are in need of many more registrars for this work. Please call Jack G. Blue at HI 4-5066, the County Clerk of Alameda County.

It is the privilege and duty of all citizens to register and vote at all elections.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be March 6 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

BARBERS 134

Due to Washington's Birthday falling on our regular meeting night, our regular meeting was held one week sooner, Thursday, Feb. 15, 1962, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland.

Fraternally,
I. O. CHAMORRO,
Secretary-Treasurer

BUILDING SERVICE 18

The employers' proposal for settlement of the negotiations of the Office Building Agreement will be voted upon at the regular meeting Friday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at 1608 Webster St., Oakland. It is important for all those who work in the office buildings to be present at this meeting.

Fraternally,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT,
Business Representative

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held March 3, 1962, at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Calif., at 2 p.m.

The Executive Board will meet at 10 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

Fraternally,
JOHN GRIGSBY,
Recording Secretary

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PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 1962, in Hall A at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the Labor Temple building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

1. The regular order of business.
2. Your next regular scheduled holiday will be Washington's Birthday, Thursday, Feb. 22, 1962.

3. PLEASE NOTE: The office will be open Saturday morning, Feb. 24, 1962, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon for the benefit of those who have not signed their new due books. This is being done for your convenience so be sure to take advantage of not having to miss any working hours to come in.

4. You will hear the first reading of five resolutions in accordance with the By-Laws of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444.

It is of utmost importance for you to attend union meetings and to participate in union affairs.

Fraternally yours,
BEN H. BEYNON
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec. Treas.

Speed reading course for unionists to be given

A course to help union officers and staff members improve their reading skills and speed will be offered by the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations for 12 Wednesday evenings starting March 7.

Emphasis will be upon increasing speed, comprehension and interpretation; gearing reading to material and vocabulary building, according to Irene Atheny, instructor.

Fee is \$20, about one-fourth the cost of some private speed reading courses. Further information may be obtained by phoning TH 5-6000 Ext. 2571 or 2572.

Five East Bay unionists get committee work for apprenticeship parley

Five East Bay unionists have been named to committees for the California Conference on Apprenticeship April 25-27 in Los Angeles.

They are: James H. Martin, Steamfitters 342, finance; Harry Boyter, Bricklayers 8, and John W. Austin, Typographical 36, publicity, and Ben Beynon, Plumbers 444, and Harry Stein, Photo Engravers 8, exhibits.

Seven East Bay management representatives also got committee assignments for the conference, which will include speakers and workshops on all phases of apprenticeship, as well as conferences on problems in particular industries.

KTVU drops program

Oakland television station KTVU (Channel 2) has dropped the AFLCIO's series, "Americans at Work," Central Labor Council delegates were told Monday. The station reportedly said it had too many "public service" programs.

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By CLYDE JOHNSON

Our convention in San Mateo was an exciting landmark in the coming of age of the State Council of Carpenters. What started in Monterey at the 1958 convention with the victorious fight to change the leadership of the council has grown into a true progressive organization confident of its program and direction.

In spite of the fact that Chester Bartolini, state president, was confined to his home resting from a heart attack, the delegates carried on with a vigor unleashed by four years of his inspiring leadership.

You had to be there to feel it. The basic confidence in what we were doing you could feel in the calm determination of 300 delegates.

It wasn't that unanimous, and there was one vigorous two hour floor fight, but the unity was overwhelming.

Gordon McCulloch, our executive secretary who has done an excellent job, wanted a resolution passed to require constitutional conventions in the even years and legislative conferences in the odd years to correspond with the sessions of the legislature. After 30 minutes of debate somebody tried to call for the vote. Wow! That mistake resulted in another hour and a half of debate, most of it favoring the resolution but all of it condemning the move to cut debate. The vote was overwhelming for the measure, but nobody was going to pull that convention by the nose — friend or foe.

All of our resolutions passed. Anthony Ramos, one of our delegates, had testified for our resolution asking that the Union Label be restricted for low wage shops. Later Harlan Poulter of L. A. and John Rebiero of San Jose grabbed me in the hall and said rush to the committee room to speak on this resolution because they were about to vote non-concurrence. I made an impassioned plea based on our fight for school work and out-of-state cheap competition. When the Resolutions Committee reported, Chairman Charley Roe of Hayward made a special statement on it. The way he started out we thought he would announce non-concurrence. Ramos and I made a dash for the floor mike to begin the battle, but Charley recommended passage. It was unanimous.

Slim Henderson of San Diego did an excellent job as chairman of the convention, filling in on short notice for Chet Bartolini. On motion of Al Brown of Santa Rosa, they

voted to rename him "Great Big Slim" Henderson, which really told the story.

The full convention met in a voluntary state caucus one afternoon to designate a unified choice for General Executive Board member in the next Brotherhood convention. William Bidell of Los Angeles was chosen. The next morning the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' leaders, following a caucus of their own, announced their support of our choice. So did fraternal delegates from neighboring states.

Anthony Ramos, Harry Harkleroad, Mike Dowdall and Vic La Chapelle, the council staff representatives, were all praised for their good work.

Emil Ovenberg and I were very pleased with the convention. We look forward to Gordon McCulloch and the State Executive Board giving the vigorous leadership required in these changing times.

Now back to our daily problems.

Chips and Chatter

By GUNNAR (Benny) BENONYS

The excessive rain the past week has certainly worked a hardship on our members. It has also further delayed several "starts" on jobs we were counting on.

Placement this past week were down to 15 jobs and as of Monday a.m. roll call we had 261 on our out of work list.

The State Council of Carpenters conventions was one of the most serious and successful I've attended.

After an absence of several years, it was a pleasure to renew old acquaintances and meet the several new officers and business representatives with whom we do business on our members' behalf.

Never before has the council had as many fraternal delegates in attendance from other states. Their reports of conditions and problems convince me we must be always on our toes to maintain and continue to improve our own very fine contract. They say we enjoy a much better contract.

Brother Al Thoman and yours truly had the pleasure of serving as sergeant-at-arms throughout the week. Your convention delegates, Lem Flanigan, John Clapp, Benonys and Thoman will report at a special meeting Friday, March 2, 1962.

See you then.

THE CENTRAL Labor Council adjourned Monday in memory of Walter E. Reardon, former secretary-treasurer of Bartenders 52, who died Saturday.

Be sure to notify us promptly when you change your address

The Post Office Department has doubled its charge for returning undeliverable copies of the East Bay Labor Journal. The revised regulation covers all second, third and fourth class matter and became effective last month.

In the case of the East Bay Labor Journal this item of expense is now running twice what it was previously.

Readers can help cut down this cost by prompt notification of changes in address on blanks obtainable from local post offices and carriers or the "I Am Moving" form elsewhere in this newspaper.

Thank you.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

A Happy George Washington's Birthday to you. Hope he never finds out what those Minutemen in Southern California are up to. They claim to have a list of all persons ever called up before the House Un-American Activities Committee, and will shoot them on sight upon any communist attack against the U. S. Wonder if we could get the HUAC to call up the Birch Society?

1304 has endorsed incumbent John D. Murphy for Alameda County Supervisor, First District, at our last regular meeting. Other endorsements will be made upon the recommendations of our COPE and L. E. delegates.

1304 also endorses the new look of Marian Kearns, our office secretary with the men-trap hairdo, and President Perry with his new silhouette. Ernie is waging a slenderizing contest with his Pacific Tire buddies and has streamlined his approach.

Come up and see us sometime. Next meeting night, for instance.

Barbers 134

By I. O. (AI) CHAMORRO

Great activity is taking place in Hayward, San Lorenzo and Ashland in the picketing established by our union members in those areas. More of this will be taken up in other areas, and we are hoping this kind of co-operation will follow up to combat the increased number of cut-rate shops.

It is well known by all of us that our standard of living is being cut down by the increase of cut-rater shops, which have seen fit to undercut each other to the degree that they themselves are competing for the greater share of the patronage of those who would want to destroy the gains that organized labor has fought so hard to get.

Remember, cut-raters do not guarantee their employees anything; some may do but not under signed contract. Our battle to organize these shops has just started. Notices of future meetings will be announced periodically in this

column. Please note and do your utmost to attend. Your cooperation is greatly needed.

Brother Sab Carabello, our new business representative, is working hard in the field, collecting, signing new shop cards and members, as well as doing all under his power to help establish the picketing where needed, also getting the minimum price list signed to present it to the Barber Board. Remember, we need over 622 signatures. If you can help, let us know. One sure way of getting those signatures is by noting your file number and shop certificate number if a shop owner and, when coming to our office, sign the above-mentioned. This is a must; do your share!

Some members' due books were sent out after being audited. The rest will reach you as they are finished. Thanks for your patience and for helping me to have this important audit done.

By way of the grapevine it comes to me that the inspections of shops are going to be much more strictly and rigidly enforced for physical conditions, sanitation, etc., etc. Important emphasis should be taken by our brothers to show our patrons that union shops are better shops in all respects of law, sanitation and skills performed.

Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN D. EDWARDS

Many of you have indicated dissatisfaction with some of the conditions under which you are working. At the last meeting of the local discussion brought a few of these items into the open. We need more meetings like that one.

During the next four months negotiations will demand most of our attention. Whether we will come out with an agreement satisfactory to all is a good question. None of us is ever completely satisfied. At this point it would be difficult to forecast the outcome of negotiations this year. We from Labor have our minimum demands; management has theirs. It is entirely possible we will have a rough time reaching agreement. I am confident we will have the support of the membership, even though you seldom attend meetings. The small problem we had three years ago proved one big point to me: "When the time comes for the membership to prove they believe in union conditions, they always come through." This year will be no exception.

Next meeting Thursday, March 8th, no meeting Thursday, Feb. 22nd.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Eight cities in Alameda County will have elections April 10. The last day to register to vote in these elections is Feb. 15.

Cities are: Albany, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton and San Leandro. Piedmont has an election Feb. 27.

Last day to register for the June 5 primary election is April 12. County Clerk Jack G. Blue urges anyone wishing to become a deputy registrar of voters to apply as soon as possible. No training for deputies will be held after April 1.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

At a special called meeting held on February 15, 1962, the membership voted by secret ballot an increase of 50 cents per month for dues. This is applicable to all classifications and will be effective beginning March 1, 1962. The background of this increase is that at the United Association convention held last August the delegates concurred in the resolution increasing the per capita tax 50 cents per month per member. Therefore, this union needs this increase to keep our financial status in the black.

With reference to withdrawing of vacation monies, the Negotiating Committee reports that final verbiage has been agreed upon by our employer associations and this union, which is as follows:

"The Vacation Fund shall be operated on a fiscal year, extending from November 1 of each year to October 31 of the year next following. That means that the Vacation payments in the amount of twelve and one-half cents per hour will accrue to the Fund from November 1, 1961 to October 31, 1962. The Vacation payments payable to each employee from the Vacation Fund shall consist of all payments which are credited to the employee as of the close of business on the thirty-first day (or last business day) of October each year.

"Vacation checks shall be issued to all employees for whom contributions have been made from the period of November 1, 1961 to October 31, 1962 or any ensuing year on or after the first day and before the fifteenth day of December of each year, commencing in 1962.

"If employees do not pick up their vacation checks at the bank between December 1 and December 15 inclusive, the monies for each employee will be placed in a savings account bearing the employee's name. In lieu of a check made payable to the employee, in order not to lose interest and to save the necessity of making out a check, forms may be provided by the bank which the employee can sign, indicating that it is his desire not to receive the check but to have the monies due him automatically placed in his savings account with no loss of interest. The pass book for the savings account will be the property of the employee and the monies can be withdrawn by him at any time thereafter from such savings account on his demand at the bank. It is thoroughly understood that these funds are disbursed to the men either in the form of a check or pass book during the fifteen day period in December and that the principals to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Employer and the Union, will have no control or claim to these monies thereafter."

The following have been appointed to the Sick Committee and may be contacted by telephone:

Patrick Daly, 2730 Westgate, Concord, MU 5-2655; Bob Gabelini, 305 Allen Street, Martinez, AC 8-5757; Bill Draper, 2531 Kelly Avenue, San Pablo, BE 4-6478; Paul Gialich, 626 Arthur Avenue, San Leandro, NE 6-1770; Dave Hartman, 1606 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, LA 2-4816.

S.F. BTC Temple

The old San Francisco Building Trades Temple—a landmark for over 50 years — has been sold, and wrecking operations are under way.

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Strike gains won by Engineers 736 with Hexcel firm

After a strike of four hours Feb. 14, Operating Engineers 736 concluded an agreement with Hexcel Products affecting 146 members in manufacturing plants in Berkeley and Oakland.

The agreement provides for a contract of 15 months with a four per cent increase retroactive to Feb. 1 and upgrading of two classifications by one grade.

In addition to providing an increase of \$500 life insurance, the company will absorb the increased cost of the fully paid major medical insurance program.

An improved paid sick-death leave program provides for an accumulation of 20 days' paid sick leave.

Those engaged in continuous operations on the graveyard shift will work eight hours and receive 8¾ hours pay. Non-continuous operations on the graveyard shift will work 7½ hours and receive eight hours pay. Shift differentials will be applied to vacation pay.

The four per cent increase will establish a base of \$2.51 an hour for Grade 1 employees. Pay will range up to \$3.45 per hour.

Non-economic items won by the union include improved seniority provisions, permitting senior production employees to exercise their seniority on a company-wide basis.

Negotiations were conducted by International Representative Dan Molles and a local committee including Howard Bush, president; Fred M. Pruitt, secretary, and Ray Denton, treasurer, of Local 736.

Carl T. Rowan to speak in Oakland

Carl T. Rowan, deputy secretary of public affairs for the U. S. State Department, will give a free lecture on "The American Negro" at 8 p.m. March 30 at the Oakland Auditorium Theater.

The program will be sponsored by the Oakland Public Museum to highlight an exhibition on the Negro in American culture.

Rowan is the only newspaperman to win three successive annual awards from Sigma Delta Chi, nationalistic honor society. He is the author of several books and has played a leading role in the Kennedy Administration.

Marine Cooks & Stewards consents to new election

The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union has consented to having the U. S. District Court in San Francisco set aside a 1960 election, and new voting will be conducted under Labor Department supervision.

Initial action was brought against the union under the Landrum-Griffin Law last June 22. The union contends that it acted in good faith and that no fraud was involved, although it admits some violations of the law occurred, according to the Labor Department.

Before ordering the election, the court must clear up two points of disagreement between the union and the Labor Department concerning voting rights and absentee ballots.

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Unions to push for action on safety proposals, BTC informed

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pay due Carpenters, Childers said.

Childers also designated M. B. Dillashaw of Cement Masons 594 to serve as acting business representative of the council for two weeks while he is on vacation and attends the AFLCIO Building Trades Department legislative conference in Washington, D. C., March 5-8. This recommendation was approved by delegates.

HEALTH INITIATIVE

Delegates voted to concur in a recommendation by the AFLCIO California Labor Federation not to support the Committee for Health Care in California.

The motion was made by Business Representative Childers.

Charles Roe of Hayward Carpenters 1622 also urged that labor confine its present efforts in the health care field to working for passage of the Anderson-King Bill, now before Congress.

Roe said the Kerr-Mills Bill, passed last year with the blessing of the American Medical Association, was designed as a "soothing bill" but isn't solving the health problems of older persons.

The state labor federation has urged unions to ignore a group calling itself the Committee for Health Care in California, which is currently circulating an initiative petition to qualify an initiative proposition for the Nov. 6 ballot.

The proposition would establish a state health service. But, according to Thomas L. Pitts, State AFLCIO executive secretary, this program is in conflict with the kind of health care solutions advanced by organized labor under mandate of convention policies.

It would also involve a high rate of taxation without assurance that a high level of service

would be rendered, according to Pitts.

BTC AGREEMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer John A. Davy reported that Building Trades Council agreements had been signed by: Lincoln & Lincoln, drywall service; Eugene Shopper, Jack Palmeri Construction Co., L. E. Smith, Fortuna Construction Co., Dan Caputo Co., Crow Construction Co. and I & S Plumbing Co.

BTC OFFICE CLOSED

Delegates approved a recommendation that the council office in the Labor Temple remain closed today (Friday).

'District spending \$19,755 a year on company union'

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assembly meeting and one two-hour division meeting each month — \$9,075 per year.

- Time lost by five executives in planning and attending general assembly and division meetings (15 man-days at an average estimated at \$50 per day) — \$9,000 per year.

- Use of company vehicles — \$900 per year.

- Secretarial services — \$780 per year.

- Total — \$19,755 per year.

REFUSAL TO MEET

On the floor of the Central Labor Council, C. Charles Hogan, international representative for the AFSCME-AFLCIO, charged that East Bay Municipal Utility District managers have refused even to meet with the union.

Hogan said this is the first time in California a public district of this kind has flatly refused to meet with union representatives.

In a letter to Hogan, William J. Stephens, personnel manager for the district, cited a policy adopted by the district Sept. 8, requiring the union to submit a list of its officers and members.

Hogan said he believes this is contrary to a law adopted by the Assembly last year and may be just an excuse not to meet with the union, as well as to find out who the union's members are.

The union plans to add this to a list of grievances against the utility district in a case which has been pending in Alameda County Superior Court for over a year.

The other basic issues of the case are the district's refusal to permit the union to use bulletin boards and to deduct dues from members' paychecks.

COPE STILL COLLECTING BLUE CHIP, GREEN STAMPS

The Alameda County AFL-CIO Council on Political Education is still collecting Blue Chip Stamps and S&H Green Stamps, according to Peter J. Ceremello of Paint Makers 1101.

The stamps will be used to help pay for awards for the 1962 COPE Labor Day Picnic, permitting more of the proceeds to be used for political campaign expenditures.

Bring stamps to your union meeting or to the Paint Makers' or Central Labor Council offices in the Labor Temple.

So far, 22 books have been collected, Ceremello said last week.

How we can help 'The 17 Million'

Who are "The Seventeen Million?"

They are Americans who are physically disabled, according to a new AFLCIO publication with that title.

Over half could profit from some form of rehabilitation. But most of them never get it.

This tragic waste of human resources, the pamphlet points out, continues simply because people do not know enough about the problem of disability.

Explaining that slogans merely pinpoint the problem, the pamphlet outline a labor program for rehabilitation.

Copies are available from the Mail Department, AFLCIO Community Service Activities, 9 E. 40th St., New York 16, N.Y., according to a letter received here by the Central Labor Council.

The price is 10 cents per copy, or \$7.50 per 100 copies, with an additional 20 per cent discount on 1,000 copies or more. Make checks payable to William F. Schnitzler, AFLCIO secretary-treasurer.

Emerald Bay span hit; Pt. Reyes park backed by labor

The plan backed by commercial interests in the Lake Tahoe area to have the state build a bridge across Emerald Bay drew fire from the California Labor Federation (AFLCIO) Executive Council at its last meeting.

The council authorized Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts to write a letter to Joseph C. Houghteling, chairman of the State Park Commission, calling for a new all-weather route around—instead of across—the Emerald Bay.

Pitts wrote: "The damage the lower route would cause to the natural beauty of Emerald Bay and the adjoining Tahoe shoreline would be devastating and irreparable."

Pitts emphasized that "natural scenic values, recreational values and park property values" are more important than possible higher cost of the upper route.

The Executive Council also approved a resolution urging creation of the proposed Point Reyes National Seashore Park in Marin County.

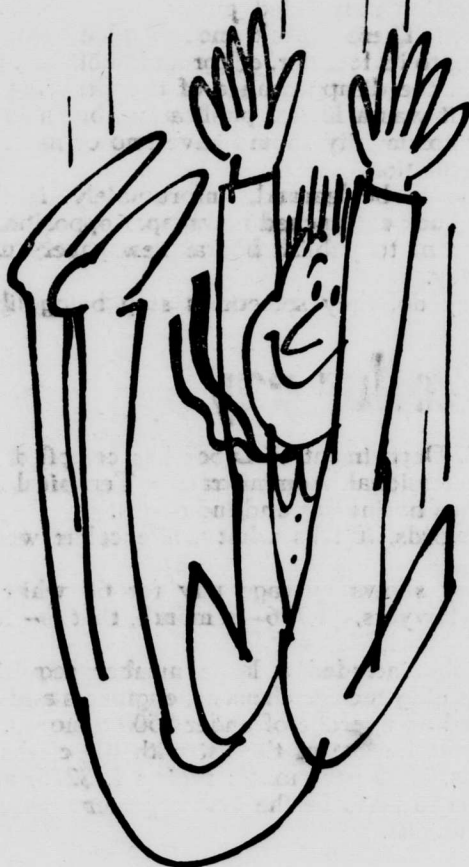
The proposal has been approved by the Senate but is awaiting action in the House of Representatives.

Teachers, CLC delegates urged to attend lectures

The Teachers' Union is urging its members to attend the series of Friday night lectures on Communism at Merritt Campus of Oakland City College, Edward O. (Pete) Lee of Teachers 771 told the Central Labor Council.

Lee suggested CLC delegates attend, too.

He pointed out that the speakers are of proven competence, and the lectures—which start this week—are free. Starting time is 8 p.m.



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Expert says wage-price spiral just propaganda

Steel prices have gone up 35 per cent since 1953.

You pay \$1.35 now for steel that cost \$1 nine years ago.

The steel companies have been telling the public that the "wage-price" spiral is to blame.

But Gardiner C. Means, one of the nation's leading economic experts, testified before a congressional committee recently that this just ain't so!

Only a quarter of the increase has been caused by increased labor costs, Means testified. But he said the companies have jacked up prices "enough to double their profit margins" in the nine year period.

What's more, Means testified, steel plays such a key role in the nation's economy that its price hikes were the main cause of the general inflation since '53.

Subtract the price increases in metals and metal products, Means told the congressional committee, and the government's wholesale price index "shows no rise at all" between 1953 and 1961.

So what's happening this year?

The steel companies are saying they can't afford any wage increases or contract improvements for the steelworkers without increasing the price of steel.

Even President Kennedy and Secretary of Labor Goldberg seem to have been taken in by this propaganda.

Economist Means suggests that the steel companies be made to work off some of their accumulated excess profit fat.

He proposes that steel prices be cut 10 per cent this year, and that this be accompanied by a one year moratorium on steel wages.

We think a better, non-inflationary solution would be to keep prices level and allow justified wage increases.

Berkeley Review

For the last two years, the Berkeley Review has spoken out as a moderately liberal voice on local affairs in that city. The weekly publication suspended publication Feb. 8.

The reason? There wasn't enough advertising to pay the bills, according to its founder, editor and publisher, Orr Kelly.

We mourn the disappearance of the Berkeley Review not only because it was a liberal publication, but also because we believe every community should have two or more newspapers of general circulation.

One lesson to be learned, unfortunately, is that it takes big money to buck entrenched newspaper opposition. And most people who want to publish liberal newspapers usually don't have big money.

When they do, they sometimes stop being liberal.

White collar pay

The U. S. Department of Labor has compiled a "National Survey of Professional, Administrative, Technical and Clerical Pay" in various businesses and industries.

In other words, it tells what white collar workers in the U. S. earn.

The survey shows average pay for 68 white collar jobs ranging from lawyers, \$1,726—a month, that is—to file clerks, \$252.

The 68 jobs included a large number requiring lengthy, specialized training such as chemists, engineers and accountants. But 23 paid an average of under \$500 a month.

Down at the bottom of the list with file clerks were office boys and girls, \$260 per month; typists I, \$276, and others.

This seems to us to be the best argument there is for more white collar unions.

Negative thinking

"We stress the power of negative thinking," a visitor to the Central Labor Council said last week.

Stanley Aronowitz, an official of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America AFL-CIO, told what we DON'T do as good union members.

No good union member undermines the jobs of other union members by patronizing non-union establishments or buying non-union goods and services.

That may be negative thinking. But we think it brings positive results.

'Don't Fence Me In'



FURTHER IMPRESSIONS OF MEXICO BY UNIONIST

By JOE HUSTLER

The man with the money and, therefore, the power has it pretty good in Mexico.

He gets a high return on his investment — 15 per cent is normal. And they pay 10 per cent on savings accounts.

I had a cabbie tell me they had to pay 36 per cent a year on their cabs if they are purchasing them on time. Although it is said to be illegal, if you have to have a car you pay and say nothing.

Also, to help the man who has it, the government does not levy any income tax.

National Lottery — The national lottery is Big Business. I was told the government gets 1,000,000,000 pesos a year out of it. They have two lotteries a week, and I think it is a disease that I'd just as soon stay as far away from as possible.

(Of course I bought tickets; I'm a sucker for a get rich quick idea, too.)

They operate from a fine modern building, and the drawing room is like a huge theater. On the stage are marvelous curving stairways surrounding a huge ball, and anyone can attend if he can get in. The operation is strictly on the square, but how much money gets back in circulation is another matter because the money from the ticket sales is cut this way: 5 per cent for administration, 10 per cent for the sellers of the tickets, and 20 per cent for the government's general fund.

When a lucky winner goes to collect on his ticket, he is taxed 15 per cent.

So for every \$1 that goes into the pot, 50 cents stays there.

I'm against this for working people. Life is not a matter of luck, but a matter of organizing and supporting unions to secure decent living.

National Pawn Shop — They have another gimmick which has some merit, and that is the "National Pawn Shop." How I found about it was accidentally. Remember, I neither could read nor write Spanish.

In my wandering about town,

Opportunity: 2%

Intensifying its efforts to help Negroes get into job apprenticeship programs, the New York State Commission against Discrimination has been conducting a program of private conversations with unions and employers. Only 2 per cent of apprenticeships in the state are filled by Negroes, the commission reports. — Fair Employment Newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the third of a series of articles by an Alameda County building trades unionist who returned recently from Mexico.

"Joe Hustler" is a pen name.

I was up by the Presidential Palace in the Zocalo, and on my way back I saw a huge building almost opposite the Palace. So I decided to look it over. Through the center of this building runs what looks like a street. The wife and I wandered into it.

All along the block-long street was the wildest assortment of merchandise you could ever see. In one place it looked like a huge furniture store full of fine furniture, but no price tags. Across from the furniture were electric motors, but there were no price tags on any item.

A day or so later, I discovered I'd been in the National Pawn Shop. This was established after the revolution. Here anyone can and does pawn anything from a store full of furniture to a steam shovel or a dollar watch. The interest rates are low and established by law. Merchants and most everyone does business here, and almost every item is redeemed.

Churches — They have lots of churches in Mexico, but the buildings are old and run-down. I'm told they have complete separation of Church and State — different from the U. S. where they are supposed to be separated, but not quite. There a religious sect has to pay taxes on its property; here they don't.

A matter of time

What's sacred about the 40-hour week?

You'd think from reading the papers that any attempt to cut hours of work was a dangerous, inflationary novelty.

We've just checked the list of contracts prevailing between locals of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders and their employers in the printing and publishing industry.

Here's the story: out of about 220 contracts listed, only 40 have the 40-hour week. Most agreements provide for the 35, 36½ and 37½-hour week.

In Chicago, the four Bookbinders' local unions have the 36½-hour work week. The printing trades unions on our city's newspapers long ago broke the 40-hour barrier, with some late night craftsmen working 30 hours a week.

And liking it.—Chicago Federation News.

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SAYS UNIONS HAVE ONLY ONE PURPOSE

Editor, Labor Journal:

We of the rank-and-file in the labor movement look askance at the conduct of some of the people that purportedly represent us. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

We seek no absolutism in their "lead pipe" tactics, nor do we sanction the stand taken for whatever reason to suppress the anti-communist school set up in the area.

Faith, not force, must be the criterion by which labor lives. We can no more merit the favor entrusted to us if our desires are not mirrored in public acceptance. Our public relations are necessarily an outgrowth of practice. When our odious efforts are not in the public's interest, we forfeit the image created by consistent, conservative labor leaders.

We will not passively take the leadership of people more interested in gambling in Tahoe than labor in Oakland. Let's keep sight of the fact that we have no time, nor should we have any desire, to propound or promulgate anything other than labor. Our entire future depends upon integrity based upon service. If our so-called leaders are not aware of their duties, they should be given the word.

We want men who are looking to promote our best interests with capital in a single-mindedness that leaves no room for other endeavors. We want to espouse no cause nor seek any solution to anything except labor problems. When this is properly done, we will have accomplished the mission for which we have paid our dues.

H. A. COOPER,
Member, Carpenters 1473

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PRAISES RECORD OF SENATOR KUCHEL

Editor, Labor Journal:

In his bid for re-election, U.S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, the Senate minority whip, contends that the voters of California should judge him on his record. If the electorate complies, the Democratic party will be compelled to seek far and wide for a candidate of equal accomplishment.

The Golden State's senior senator has consistently supported the more responsible and progressive proposals placed before the upper chamber.

In domestic affairs the former state controller has recognized the inherent advantages of a vigorous free enterprise system. Moreover, he is cognizant that such a system cannot survive without the existence of free and substantial associations of workmen. Neither is the Senator unaware of the problem of human rights which racks our national conscience and our international image.

In foreign affairs he has incessantly searched for the most effective means of achieving peace and freedom. He remains unwilling to permit the success of Marxism-Leninism.

Undoubtedly, Senator Kuchel represents our state's progressive tradition embodied in the principles and policies of Hiram Johnson and Earl Warren.

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EXTREMES

If we permit extremes for a few and enduring poverty for many, we shall create a social explosiveness and a demand for revolutionary change. — Dwight D. Eisenhower.